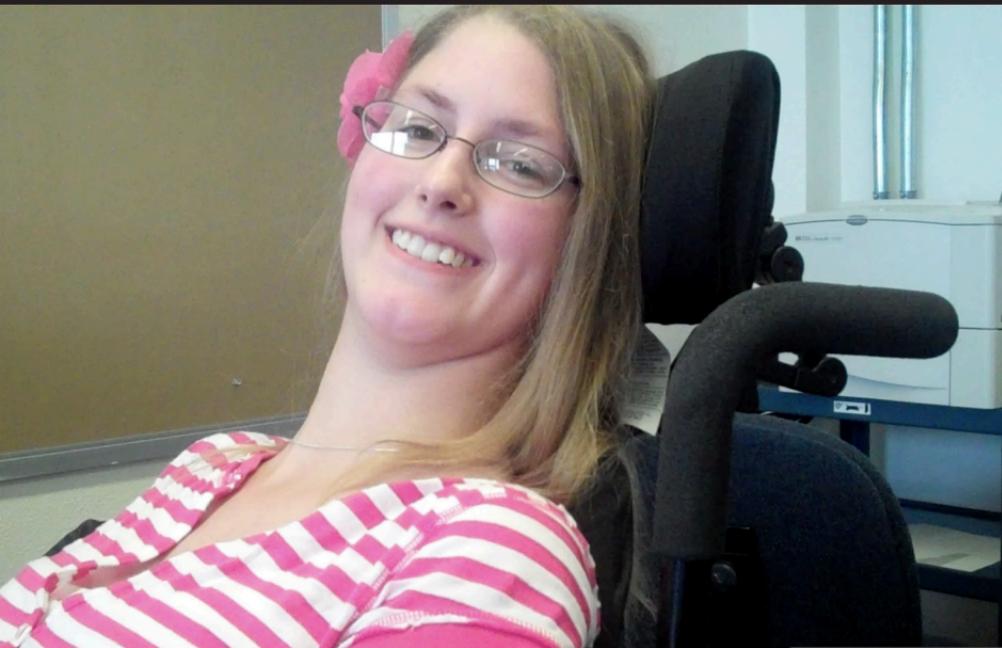


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Rest in Peace, Katie



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For Students, By Students

From One to Another



Dear Readers,

For our first Spring semester issue, we honor the winners.

One of our own Eagles, Katie Cox, has passed on. Although I did not know her personally, I could see that she was a fighter with a strong spirit, and we are proud to have her grace our cover.

We also give a shout out to our Avila Cheerleading team. They are national champions! That is a big deal!

Cheers,

Liz Carroll

We Honor You Katie Cox

Katie R. Cox, 21, Kansas City, MO, left this world on February 10, 2013 to go be with her brother Cameron and with Jesus. She was born August 18, 1991 in Kansas City, MO. Katie graduated with honors in 2010 from Center High School and was currently a junior at Avila College. She volunteered at Wayside Waifs and with the Special Education Classes at Center High School. Katie was preceded in death by her brother Cameron C. Cox.

She is survived by her parents Chass and Beth (Schnell) Cox, maternal grandparents Duane and Rose Ellen Schnell, paternal grandparents Thomas J. and Patricia Cox, Carolyn Devine and Charles and Sherry Messer, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Visitation will be held 10-11a.m. followed by a Memorial service at 11a.m., on Saturday, February 16, at Keystone United Methodist Church, 406 W. 74th St., Kansas City, MO 64114. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wayside Waifs. Mt Moriah & Freeman Funeral Home. 10507 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO 64131. (816) 942-2004 www.mtmoriah-freeman.com.

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Inked Win.

By Aimee Adams

Auila Cheerleading won the 2013 AUCA National Championship in Orlando, Florida in January. Ten team members took their victory to the next level and paid for a permanent reminder. The squad members got a purple Minnie Mouse bow to signify: cheerleading, Disney World, and a National Title.

For Paige Snyder, a senior on the cheer team, the bow inked on her foot was a bonding experience. Snyder and five of her teammates went to King City Tattoo to get marked together. "I never would have gotten one by myself, but it was a once in a lifetime opportunity I can always share with my team. Even after the medals and rings are gone, I can look at my foot and know the hard work, dedication, and pain that went into winning a National Championship."



Snyder worked for this National Title for 12 years. She started her cheering career in 5th grade. Winning such a prestigious title meant everything to her. "It's hard to put how I felt into words; I couldn't help but scream. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity; pure shock, joy, and a cherished memory I will be talking about for the rest of my life." Snyder joked, "I had to keep picking up my jaw because I was in such shock it wouldn't close on its own." This unexpected win brought excitement to the entire team.

Shelby Fletcher, a junior on the cheer team, relived the moment with a smile that touched both ears. "I was so happy, I couldn't stop freaking out." Championship comes with a price and tattoos can be pretty expensive. "The tattoo cost too much money, but you can't put a price on

the feeling I got that day—it was worth it.” Fletcher got the bow tattooed above her right hipbone. “My tattoo means that I am a national champion,” Fletcher said with pride.

Being a national champion was a first for Avila cheerleading and for Sarah Rubin, a sophomore on the cheer team, the purple bow was her first tattoo. “I got the tattoo because it represents a once in a lifetime opportu-

nity, and I will hold onto that moment forever.” When the announcer called Avila University as the first place team, Rubin knew the team’s hard work was worth it. “I couldn’t believe it was actually happening. It just goes to show that if you put your mind to something and don’t give up on your goals, your dreams will come true.”

Hard work is what got Avila Cheer to the top. Anna Roberts, a freshman



on the team said, “The tattoo is a constant reminder that I’m a national champion. During my future years at Avila, it will be a reminder through the really rough national practices, not to give up, and how bad I want that first place feeling again.” Being on a collegiate level cheer team and winning a national title as a freshman is a surreal experience to say the least. “When we won, I was completely overwhelmed. It didn’t feel real and I couldn’t stop crying,” said Roberts.

Behind every tattoo there is a story. The purple bow inked into the skin of the Avila cheerleaders is a ‘forever bond,’ that will keep them connected for the rest of their lives.



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Conti nuando una Tradi ci Ún

By Cecilia Nuñez

El primero de noviembre, una organización en Avila University llamada SOL (Society of Latinos) organizó una ceremonia para el Día de los Muertos para celebrar, acordar, y honrar a esa gente que ha fallecido. Con la ayuda de la consejera de SOL, Doctora Maria Hunt, el grupo ha podido organizar eventos como estos para ayudar a los hispanos representar su cultura en la universidad.

Antes de que empezara la ceremonia, todos los miembros de SOL y otros estudiantes y profesores se juntaron

en Marian Centre para pintarse la cara que es parte de la tradición del Día de los Muertos. Cuando uno se pinta la cara de calaveras está representando la muerte. Pero esto no es hecho para que se asuste la gente sino para recordar y honor a los muertos. Esta celebración tomó parte en la capilla Foyle Hall en donde los estudiantes y los profesores presentes caminaron hacia la capilla con una vela encendida pidiendo el eterno descanso de esa persona que iban a poner en el altar.

Padre Keith comenzó la ceremonia con unas oraciones, para pedir el eterno descanso de esa gente que ha muerto.

En la ceremonia la profesora Doctora Lorenz habló del significado del Día de Los Muertos. La presidenta de SOL, LaDena Lusty admitió

que se sentía un poco nerviosa cuando se puso de pie para hablar de su primo que murió a una temprana edad. “Me sentí un poco nerviosa al hablar en frente de todos pero sabía que en cuanto empezara hablar yo de una favorita memoria de mi primo, yo ayudaría a los demás poder hacer lo mismo” ella dijo.

Y eso fue lo que sucedió. Poco después unos miembros de SOL y unos de los profesores se pararon a hablar de una memoria favorita de su ser querido.

Este evento es uno de varios eventos que ha organizado el grupo SOL en Avila University. El grupo SOL fue creado por una estudiante graduada, Sarah Ramírez que su solo propósito fue ayudar a que la voz de los hispanos sean escuchados y celebrar



tradiciones hispanas.

Dominique Lucas, una estudiante aquí en Avila dice que teniendo un grupo hispano en Avila agrega diversidad a la escuela.

Lusty también está de acuerdo con Lucas diciendo que: “Tener un grupo hispano en Avila es beneficiario para los hispanos pero también para la gente que no es hispana porque ayuda a los hispanos poder celebrar y ser orgulloso de su raíz, en cuanto también ayuda a los que nos son hispanos apreciar y estar involucrados en otra cultura”.

Este fue el primer año que se celebró el Día de los Muertos en Avila University y se espera que continúe esta tradición. El próximo año el grupo SOL esperan que participe más gente.

Continuing a Tradition

By Cecilia Nuñez

On November 1st, a club at Avila University called SOL (Society of Latinos) organized a ceremony for Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) to celebrate, remember, and honor those loved ones that have passed. With the help of SOL advisor, Dr. Maria Hunt, this group has been able to organize events like this to help Hispanics represent their culture on campus.

Before the ceremony, SOL members, Avila students, and faculty members came together at Marian Center for face painting, which is part of the tradition of Day of the Dead. When people paint their face with skulls they are representing the dead, but it is not meant to be scary but to remember and honor the dead. This celebration took place in the chapel at Foyle Hall where the participants walked towards the chapel with a lit candle to ask for eternal rest for the people they were going to put on the altar.

At the beginning of the ceremony, Father Keith began with a prayer to ask for eternal rest of those people who have passed away.

Dr. Lorenz continued the ceremony talking about the significance of Día de los Muertos.

The president of SOL, LaDena Lusty admitted that she felt a little nervous when she stood up to talk about her

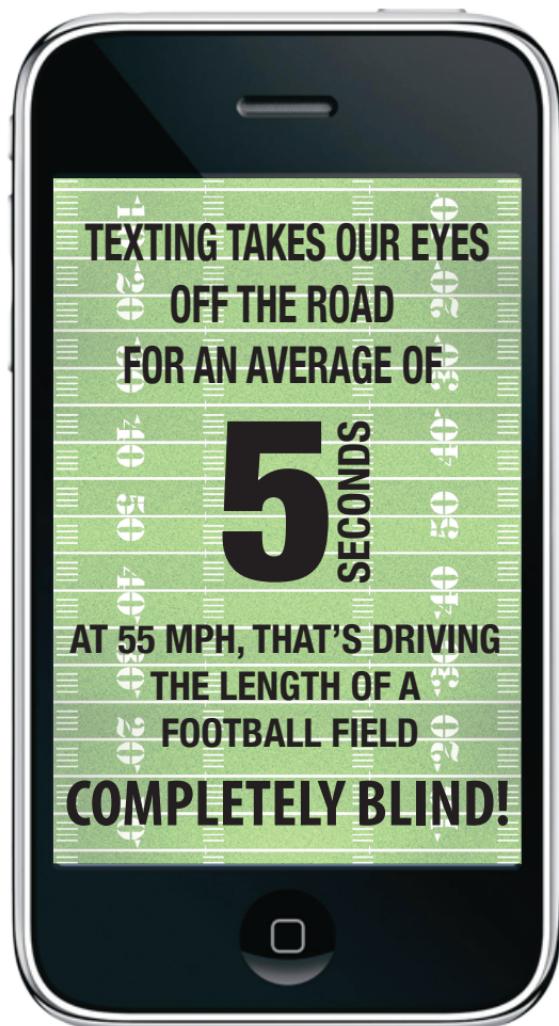
cousin who passed away at a very young age. "I felt a little nervous talking in front of everyone, but I knew that as soon as I talked about a favorite memory of my cousin, I would encourage everyone else to do the same," she said. That was exactly what happened. Shortly after, members of SOL and a couple of faculty also stood up to talk about a favorite memory of their loved ones.

This event was one of various events that SOL members have organized at Avila University. The group was created by grad student, Sarah Ramirez, whose purpose was to help Hispanics be heard and celebrate Hispanic traditions. Dominique Lucas, a student here at Avila, said that having a Hispanic club at Avila adds diversity to the school.

Lusty also agrees with Lucas by saying, "Having a Hispanic group at Avila is beneficiary to both Hispanics and non-Hispanics because it helps Hispanics celebrate and be proud of their heritage while it helps non-Hispanics appreciate and be part of another culture."

This was the first year Día de los Muertos was celebrated at Avila University and it is a hope that the tradition will continue. Next year, SOL members hope to have more people participate in this ceremony.

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Fiber Nation



Until recently, when entrepreneurs wanted to move to a midwest city to really “make it,” they would head to Chicago or St.Louis. That has all changed. When Google Fiber announced that Kansas City would be the first to receive the service, it became Kansas City’s chance to shine.

Startup companies saw this as an opportunity and came together through a desire to have the fastest internet in the world. This was the creation of Kansas City Startup Village (KCSV) – a small community consisting of

By Shawna Westphal
multiple houses that entrepreneurs could run their business out of.

On Friday, February 8, 2013, KCSV partnered with five existing entrepreneurial foundations to host the first ever KC Startup Crawl. The idea was for it to be like a pub crawl – food and drinks – but shuttles would deliver you to various startup headquarters to network and learn about all the new innovations within the city.

Nearly 400 people were in attendance, not only from Kansas City but

from all over the country. Attendees ranged from established professionals to new high school grads looking to bring their ideas to life and create their own business.

The event brought all of these people together to share ideas, give feedback, and enjoy a social night out while discussing what they are passionate about. Even the shuttle rides gave people an opportunity to meet someone they may have overlooked in the more crowded venues and re-

ally get to know about them and what they do.

Whether you are looking to start your own business someday, or work for the next Google sensation, Kansas City is the place to be right now. As one member of “The Hacker House” at KCSV stated, “The startup community in Kansas City is big enough to really grow your ideas, yet small enough that everyone lets you in and offers you guidance and support every step along the way.”



What If African Americans Never Existed?

Take a moment and think about it.

By Taneeka Hill

February is the month honored as Black History Month where we celebrate the achievements of black Americans, as well as recognize the African American contributions to the history of the United States.

I was recently asked by my son why we celebrate Black History in February? I explained that February was chosen because of the role Abraham Lincoln played in freeing the slaves. I also decided to teach through demonstration, and I challenge everyone this month to do the same.

Has it ever crossed your mind as to what your school day would look like if you continued through it as though African Americans did not exist? Try waking up one morning and

going through the day as if African Americans never existed. What would that day look like? What types of obstacles would we encounter?

For example, as you sleep comfortably through the night at just the right temperature, let's remember that Frederick Jones invented the thermostat control. When we open our bedroom and bathroom doors, and lock the front doors of our homes; this would be impossible without the contributions of O. Dorsey.



As many of us groom ourselves in the mornings; what would we do without our hairbrushes which were invented by Lydia Newman? Our clothes for the day would still

be hanging wet on a clothes line in the backs of our homes if it were not for G. T. Sampson who invented the clothes dryer. The ironing board makes it easy for us to iron our clothes, but would not be in existence if it were not for Sarah Boone.

How could you drive to school if Frederick Jones were not around to invent the motor? Getting to school would be a long waiting journey and consist of multiple wrecks if it were not for Garrett Morgan's contribution of the traffic light. Completing

those research papers for your classes would be difficult if Burridge and Marshman never invented the typewriter to evolve into the computers we use today.

And lastly, what would we do without our cell phones? That's right; Henry T. Sampson's existence is why we are able to multitask by connecting between our work, class, home, and extended social lives on the move. So remember to think about how important African Americans have been as you go about your daily life.

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Cupid Can Be Costly

By Travis Logan

Valentine's Day has turned into a holiday that is marketed as a day all about love and romance. It seems to be the only major holiday that is celebrated without any real meaning behind the day. Some would argue that the holiday is based upon the memory of one of several men named Valentine whom Emperor Claudius II had executed on or around February 14th. However, a small bit of research reveals that the origin of Valentines Day seems to be rooted around the dark and evil Roman holiday, Lupercalia.

The festival, a celebration of fertility, was celebrated annually from February 13-15. Woman volunteered to be paraded in front of the city and whipped with the skins of sacrificed goats in order to make them more fertile.

The ceremony culminated with a lottery, in which the young men would draw the name of one of the young women out of an um

and be rewarded with her as his wife.

Sounds romantic, eh?

Of course the modern day celebration seems to have been adjusted slightly from the original. But is this really a holiday about love?

It seems that Valentine's Day has gone from a pagan celebration of fertility to a modern celebration of financial gain. According to a poll conducted by the National Retail Federation (NRF), Americans are projected to spend 18.6 BILLION dollars in association with Valentines Day this year.

Blaze Williams, a 19 year old bachelor, doesn't plan to do much different on Valentine's Day. "I'm going to be more observant of everyone else," he said. "I'm not going to like it, just cause of the position I'm in right now and how long I've been in it but I'm going to

Bearded Sportsman

observe and see what I'm missing out on."

If anything, Blaze is saving himself some money and doesn't seem to be missing out on all that much.

This holiday has put men in a difficult position. Refuse to shower your significant other with flowers, candy, a night out or a sweet romantic card (written by some random stranger) and you will find yourself sleeping on the couch. Is this the nature of true love?

Show your affection toward me or else. This seems to be what Valen-



tine's Day has become.

Our hand has been forced; the choice is no longer ours. On February 14th we must open up our wallets and shell out a ridiculous amount of cash in order to express our love for that special someone in our life.

Tyler Dowland, who was recently married this past November, said Valentine's Day is "more symbolic of the love we have for each other, so the actual day is more of a reminder of our love for each other and not necessarily a day in which we have to go hog wild on spending all kinds of money and doing all kinds of elaborate things for each other."

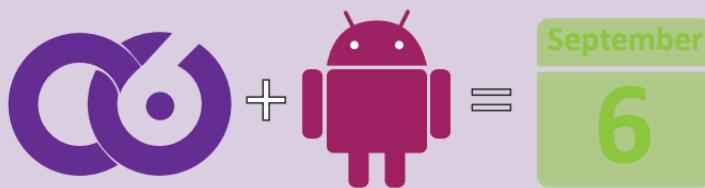
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